UNITED STATES EX REL. CHOTT *v.* EWING, COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.

ERROR TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

No. 194. Argued March 10, 11, 1915.—Decided April 12, 1915.

The provisions of the Judicial Code in regard to the jurisdiction of this court were obviously intended not to increase its jurisdiction but to reduce it.

Although when considered isolatedly there may be conflict between the provisions of the fifth, and of the concluding paragraph of § 250 of the Judicial Code, that conflict can be eliminated by applying the elementary rules of construction of turning primarily to the context of the section and secondarily to provisions *in pari materia*.

Paragraph V of § 250 of the Judicial Code, concerning the validity of an authority of the United States, confers no jurisdiction on this court to review a judgment of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia where the question of authority arises under the patent laws of the United States; judgment in such cases is made final by the concluding paragraph of § 250, unless this court exercises its rights of certiorari or the Court of Appeals certifies questions to this court as provided by that paragraph.

Writ of error to review 40 App. D. C. 591, dismissed.

THE facts, which involve the jurisdiction of this court to review judgments of the Court of Appeals of the Dis-